

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 658
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.B. No. 658, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to include advanced
practice registered nurses within certain rules adopted by the
Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the American Nurses Association in Hawaii, Hawai'i Association
of Professional Nurses, Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center,
and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Health, Hawai'i State Center
for Nursing, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that advanced practice registered nurses
(APRNs) have played an important role in addressing the health
care access gap in Hawaii. APRNs have strict certification and
licensing requirements and are permitted to work as independent
providers, open their own practices, and be leaders in large
organizations to help meet the growing needs of Hawaii residents.
Your Committee notes that in some circumstances, private and
publicly funded programs are required to have oversight by a
medical director. However, despite their high level of training



and the critical role APRNs play in Hawaii's health care system, APRNs are not included in Department of Health rules that would allow them to serve as medical directors and other medical leadership positions.

While your Committee is in support of exploring the feasibility of APRNs serving as medical directors and in other medical leadership roles, your Committee has concerns with this measure as currently drafted, as it is structurally awkward, lacks a purpose section to provide intent, and creates potential unintended consequences, such as non-compliance with federal requirements. Your Committee finds that consultation among stakeholders and further research are necessary to determine when APRNs should be eligible to serve in medical leadership positions and to produce a tailored measure allowing APRNs to serve as medical directors and similar medical leadership positions while identifying any exceptions, federal regulations, or other circumstances in which that eligibility may be inappropriate.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting language to:

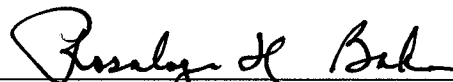
- (1) Include a purpose section;
- (2) Establish the advanced practice registered nurse medical leadership working group (working group) to be convened by the Department of Health and chaired by the Director of Health;
- (3) Specify that the working group is to research and make recommendations regarding APRNs' eligibility for medical leadership positions and identify any circumstances where that eligibility may be inappropriate;
- (4) Require the working group to report its findings and any proposed legislation to the Legislature prior to the 2020 Regular Session; and
- (5) Change its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the



intent and purpose of H.B. No. 658, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 658, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
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<i>HB 658, HD1</i>	<i>CPH</i>	<i>3/19/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓	
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓	
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓	
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓
TOTAL	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>		
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>		

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